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THE PLASTIC SURGERY CENTER, LLC	:	SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
	:	LAW DIVISION
	:	MONMOUTH COUNTY
Plaintiff	:	
	:	DOCKET NUMBER: MON-L-4196-17
vs.	:	
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AETNA HEALTH, INC.	:	
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Defendants	:	SUMMONS

THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO THE ABOVE DEFENDANT(S): Aetna Health, Inc.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED in a Civil Action in the Superior Court of New Jersey, instituted by the above named plaintiff(s), and required to serve upon the attorney(s) for the plaintiff(s), whose name and office address appears above, an answer to the annexed complaint within 35 days after the service of the summons and complaint upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to answer, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You shall promptly file your answer and proof of service thereof in duplicate* with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Monmouth County Court House, 71 Monument Park, Freehold, New Jersey, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

If you cannot afford to pay an attorney, call a Legal Services Office. An individual not eligible for free legal assistance may obtain a referral to an attorney by calling a county lawyer referral service. These numbers may be listed in the yellow pages of your phone book. The phone numbers for the county in which this action is pending are Lawyer Referral Service, 732-431-5544, Legal Services Office, 732-866-9009.

/s/ MICHELE M. SMITH

Michele M. Smith, Clerk
Superior Court of New Jersey

DATED: December 6, 2017

Name of defendant to be Served: Aetna Health, Inc.
Address for service: 980 Jolly Road
Blue Bell, Pennsylvania 19422

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COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff, The Plastic Surgery Center, P.A. ("TPSC"), by and through its attorneys, Maggs & McDermott, LLC, by way of complaint against the Defendant, Aetna Health, Inc. ("Aetna"), alleges as follows:

1. TPSC is a professional association organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, and a licensed medical practice specializing in plastic and reconstructive surgery which maintains its principal place of business at 535 Sycamore Avenue, Shrewsbury, New Jersey 07702.
2. Aetna is a health insurance company authorized to conduct business in the State of New Jersey with offices located at 980 Jolly Road, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania 19422.

3. At all relevant times, Aetna operated a Health Maintenance Organization that provided medical benefits to J.L., the initials of a person to whom Aetna assigned Member ID Number W200738801-02.
4. On or about July 28, 2014, Aetna contracted with TPSC to provide multi-stage breast reconstruction surgery to J.L., along with related medical services, and to pay TPSC according to the usual and customary prevailing rates TPSC receives for those services.
5. On August 5, 2014, TPSC provided to J.L. the first stage of bilateral breast reconstruction surgery, including double mastectomy and the placement of tissue expanders.
6. TPSC issued a bill for services to Aetna for the services described in the preceding paragraph in the amount of \$176,524.00.
7. On or about September 9, 2014, Aetna paid TPSC \$93,650.20 for the medical services provided to J.L. on August 5, 2014.
8. On October 2, 2014, TPSC provided to J.L. the second stage of bilateral breast reconstruction surgery, which included the placement of implants.
9. TPSC issued a bill for services to Aetna for the services described in the preceding paragraph in the amount of \$53,326.00.
10. Despite repeated demands and appeals by TPSC, Aetna has refused to make any payment for the medical services provided by TPSC to J.L. on October 2, 2014.
11. During a follow-up office visit on November 19, 2014, TPSC discovered that a suture had been pulled, resulting in an opening of J.L.'s right infra mammary incision. TPSC determined that this condition required urgent surgical intervention and immediately scheduled J.L. for surgery on the following day.

12. On November 20, 2014, TPSC provided medical services to J.L. consisting of surgery, including implant replacement.
13. TPSC issued a bill for services to Aetna for the services described in the preceding paragraph in the amount of \$62,892.00.
14. On or about January 21, 2015, Aetna paid TPSC \$1,883.84 for the medical services provided to J.L. on November 20, 2014.
15. All the medical services provided by TPSC mentioned anywhere in this complaint were medically reasonable and necessary.

COUNT ONE
Breach of Contract

16. TPSC repeats the foregoing paragraphs of the Complaint as if the same were set forth herein.
17. TPSC and Aetna entered in to a contract for TPSC to perform multi-stage breast reconstruction surgery on J.L. and to provide related, necessary medical services.
18. TPSC provided all the medical services contracted for, but Aetna has failed and refused to pay TPSC for those services as agreed between the parties.

COUNT TWO
Unjust Enrichment

19. TPSC repeats the foregoing paragraphs of the Complaint as if the same were set forth herein.
20. TPSC conferred a benefit upon Aetna under circumstances where Aetna knew or should have known that TPSC expected to be compensated for the benefit.
21. The benefits conferred by TPSC included fulfilling Aetna's contractual obligation to J.L. and Aetna's obligation to comply with N.J.S.A. 26:2J-4.14.

22. Under the circumstances, it would be unfair to permit Aetna to retain the benefits conferred upon it without compensation to TPSC.

COUNT THREE
Promissory Estoppel

23. TPSC repeats the foregoing paragraphs of the Complaint as if the same were set forth herein.
24. Aetna made a clear and definite promise to pay TPSC the usual and customary prevailing rates for the medical services provided to J.L. and should have expected that TPSC would rely upon that promise.
25. Aetna should have expected TPSC to rely upon its promise because, among other reasons, Aetna knew or should have known that TPSC's physicians were going to provide all the medically reasonable and necessary to properly treat D.W.
26. TPSC relied on Aetna's promise to its detriment, causing substantial damages equal to the reasonable value of the medical services provided by TPSC.

WHEREFORE, TPSC demands judgment against Aetna in an amount equal to the reasonable value of the uncompensated medical services TPSC provided to J.L., plus interest, costs of suit, and any other relief that the Court deems to be equitable and just.

CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to R.4:5-1, the matter in controversy is not the subject in any other action pending in any court or in any pending arbitration proceeding, nor is any arbitration proceeding contemplated. The Plaintiff is not aware of any other parties who should not be joined in this action at this time.

DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL

JAMES A. MAGGS, ESQ. is hereby designated as trial counsel for the Plaintiff in the within matter.

JURY DEMAND

The Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury as to all issues herein.



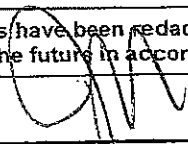
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By: _____

JAMES A. MAGGS

Dated: October 25, 2017

Appendix XII-B1

	CIVIL CASE INFORMATION STATEMENT (CIS)		Use for initial Law Division Civil Part pleadings (not motions) under <i>Rule 4:5-1</i> Pleading will be rejected for filing, under <i>Rule 1:5-6(c)</i>, if information above the black bar is not completed or attorney's signature is not affixed		FOR USE BY CLERK'S OFFICE ONLY		
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NAME OF PARTY (e.g., John Doe, Plaintiff) THE PLASTIC SURGERY CENTER, P.A., Plaintiff			CAPTION THE PLASTIC SURGERY CENTER vs. AETNA HEALTH, INC.				
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USE THIS SPACE TO ALERT THE COURT TO ANY SPECIAL CASE CHARACTERISTICS THAT MAY WARRANT INDIVIDUAL MANAGEMENT OR ACCELERATED DISPOSITION This case does not contain any special characteristics that may warrant individual management or accelerated disposition.							
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I certify that confidential personal identifiers have been redacted from documents now submitted to the court, and will be redacted from all documents submitted in the future in accordance with <i>Rule 1:38-7(b)</i> .							
ATTORNEY SIGNATURE: 							

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TRACK ASSIGNMENT NOTICE

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2017
RE: THE PLASTIC SURGERY CENTER VS AETNA HEALTH INC
DOCKET: MON L -004196 17

THE ABOVE CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO: TRACK 1.

DISCOVERY IS 150 DAYS AND RUNS FROM THE FIRST ANSWER OR 90 DAYS
FROM SERVICE ON THE FIRST DEFENDANT, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.

THE PRETRIAL JUDGE ASSIGNED IS: HON DENNIS R. O'Brien

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT TEAM 003
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CERTIFICATION OF GOOD CAUSE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE FILING OF YOUR PLEADING.
PLAINTIFF MUST SERVE COPIES OF THIS FORM ON ALL OTHER PARTIES IN ACCORDANCE
WITH R.4:5A-2.

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